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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:54 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Board Vice-Chair Maureen Braun Scalera.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC
Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC

Absent:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW (Chair)
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC
Elizabeth Manley, MSW, LSW
Lisa Cox, Ph.D., LCSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.

Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative
Joshua Castillo, Intern

Announcement of Quorum

Board Vice-Chair Maureen Braun Scalera announced the Board was without a quorum and would work as a Committee at 9:54 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. August 12, 2015 Public Session Minutes

*Upon motion made by Ms. Borden, and seconded by Ms. Sperling, the Committee recommended to approve the August 12, 2015 minutes as amended.
Ms. McKernan abstained.*

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Executive Director Walker informed the Committee that September 1, 2015 is the half cycle for renewal.
- Joshua Castillo, a new intern for the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, was introduced

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Associate Executive Director, NASW-NJ

- Ms. Weston will send information to the staff for Continuing Education credits available under NASW
- Ms. Weston inquired if a LSW working in a school as a behavioral analyst is required to be supervised by an LCSW. The Committee informed them that they do not, but may need to look whether they need license with DOE.
- Ms. Weston inquired about a person working in Care Management Organization (CMO) and non-clinical work, do employees need a license? Committee said mobile response is different than case management service and a person may be using clinical services, or may refer to an outside IIC entity which may be a for-profit entity. Mary Jean will request that the individual send the Board a written question, give a specific job description so it can be determined whether a license will be required.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

None to review.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Ms. McKernan, and seconded by Ms. Borden, the Committee recommended approval of the following candidates as qualified for LCSW, LSW and CSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Amy M. Burns
Joanna A. DeMoor
Sharea Farmer
Shana Schacter

Criminal History Background Check - Pending:

Kristine Bersch
Kristen A. Brannen
Beth R. DiBiase
Caitlin T. Dillaway
Caitlin L. Helmstetter
Sady K. Horn
Gul N. Iqbal
Kara S. Jablonka
Jennifer A. Kennedy
Erica I. Lagary
Alisha Ann E. Laws
Amanda Lipschik
Pete MacLearie
Aliza M. Mendel
Kristen Mercado
Jennifer Miller
Kristin M. Rodriguez
Jacqueline N. Shepherd
Yohanny C. Valderrama
Luis E. Virella

LSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Barbuto	Susan	S.
Barth	Rachel	E.
Bonanno	Lauren	R.
Brodsky	Joseph	S.
Cohen	Aviva	M.
Dym	Abigail	S.
Ekert	Kaitlin	M.
Finocchio	Marisa	G.
Golbek	Magdalena	
Good	Courtney	N.
Karaman	Sofia	A.
Lehrman	Heather	M.
McKnight	Tunisia	
Rapuan	Brittany	A.
Reha, Jr.	George	A.
Sakoda	Leah	R.
Schaeffler	Allison	J.
Sciotino-Brudzynski	Anna	P.
Sica	Maria	L.
Timpone	Tara	A.
Zarfino	Lisa	

**Criminal History Background Check -
PENDING:**

Abramowitz	Ross	M.
Anane	Felita	A.
Arwady	Abigail	E.
Baker	Kelli	A.
Ball	Emily	E.
Barber	Jaclyn	M.
Bauer	Shelby	J.
Benegas	Ruth	S.
Brown	Kameka	T.
Brown	Victoria	M.
Bryant-Franklin	Jasmine	A.
Byrdin	Frances	
Castronovo	Dominquea	A.
Chidiac	Kimberly	A.
Cladek	Kristen	M.
Colon	Laurie	
Congdon	Tracce	I.
Cortes	Piedad	
Cruz	Kara	
Davis	Gail	
Deck	Andra	L.
DeMarchis	Jessica	M.
Dettmer	Katherine	M.
Dimascio	Sara	
Emond	Helen	P.
Flores	Stephanie	E.
Fomanek	Brenda	M.
Gaudier	Nathalie	A.
Gomez	Jennifer	M.
Goodman	Gizela	G.
Gorrell	Kamilah	
Hamani	Deborah	
Harden	Janay	
Hardy	Alexandria	N.
Harper	Kaitlin	S.
Harrison	Brittany	A.
Hart	Sean	D.
Healey	Cara	J.
Hekemian	Richard	E.
Hollingsworth	Kirby	P.

Holzinger	Sara	J.
Hutchinson	Jennifer	E.
Iacono	Guy	J.
Iwama	Joanne	B.
Jacob	Elisa	M.
Johnson	James	D.
Kasian	Kenneth	M.
Kedl	Christina	
Kennedy	Thanita	Z.
Kolton	Erica	N.
Kruvant	Dara	L.
LaRosa	David	A.
Lawson	Lisa	M.
Levine	Zisa	B.
Lewis	Helena	D.
Lukenda	Samantha	L.
Madonick	Courtney	E.
Marinaro	Donna	M.
Masucci	Daniela	
McCormick	Chantelle	E.
MCNeil	Alicia	D.
Meny	Lauren	A.
Messina	Danielle	M.
Miguel	Denise	R.
Miller	Patrick	T.
Mullin	Jessica	L.
Nassi	Esen	
Neves	Carrine	N.
Niblack	Keesha	A.
Nicoldemo	Maria	E.
Ogurtsova	Alexandra	
Pappas	Alyssa	P.
Payne	Mark	A.
Pfister	Erin	M.
Pierson-Mutis	Nygera	S.
Post	Rebecca	D.
Rainer	Kelsey	E.
Reilly	Megan	M.
Reynolds	Kristina	M.
Richards	Neibert	S.
Rodriguez	Rosa	
Rodriguez	Claudia	M.
Rosenfield	Johanna	W.
Roth	Victoria	B.

Rubin	Pesha	Y.
Ruchlin	Chelsea	
Ryan	Linzi	A.
Savage	Tiana	M.
Savolskis	Ryan	T.
Schrader	Cheryl	M.
Schwartzbaum	Fred	
Setaro	John	S.
Shaw	Marcia	W.
Shreidan	Jenna	N.
Silpagar	Menekse	
Spielman-Steel	Rebecca	A.
Terregino	Brianne	N.
Thompson	Richard	A.
Thompson	Adrian	R.
Turnbull	Lezley	M.
Weinraub	Dara	
Williams	Damaris	R.
Winters	Melanie	D.
Years	Olivia	L.

CSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Codi Beauvais

Kristin D. Fox

Stephanie L. Grisinger

Elisabeth J. Hajjar

Liza A. Ocampo

Aarti M. Patel

Renee N. Roache

Erica L. Whitehouse

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Kenneth Applewhite

Sophia M. Ashley

Keisha N. Barnhill

Johanna E. Bayers

Jacqueline E. Been

David Berek

Samantha Chargins

Emmy E. Cubbage

Camille Cuentas
Cleonese C. Dasent-Green
Louise M. Donohoe
Alepty K. Dwyer
Leslie Fernandez
Florencia D. Gaigg
Megan E. Galbraith
Erika A. Garcia
Brian L. Gomez
Christina Gonzalez
Valerie R. Gould
Sharifa M. Hancock
Hajer F. Hussein
Danielle P. Kolaski
Kaitlyn N. Latham
Marie G. Mednard
Heather M. Nelke
Taylor L. Palmer
Ryan J. Pearson
Joel T. Peterson
Carolyn C. Reed
James F. Ryan, III
Yolanda R. Shelton
Victoria L. Werring

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Information from Dr. Cox on “Crisis Intervention” definition

The Committee reviewed the definitions for Crisis Intervention presented by Dr. Cox.

The Committee recommended researching if any other states are defining this issue, and check with the ASWB for model regulations.

2. Letter from Erin Epstein regarding her LSW exam

The Committee reviewed Ms. Epstein’s letter stating that she was interrupted by the Pearson Center during the time she was taking her exam. The ASWB is investigating the matter and contacting Ms. Epstein personally.

The Committee asked for Dr. Walker to get an update from the ASWB on the investigation and can administratively waive the ninety (90) day wait period to retake the exam.

3. Letter from Claire Valli, MSW, LCSW

The Committee reviewed Ms. Valli's letter requesting permission to provide Clinical Supervision for LMSW seeking LSCW licensure in New Jersey.

The Committee reviewed Ms. Valli's supervision credentials, and recommended to send her a letter approving her to supervise the LSCW applicant, and send her a letter informing her to review and familiarize herself with the New Jersey State Regulations.

X. OPEN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

1. I/M/O Miriam Schwartz, LCSW

The Committee reviewed the Ms. Schwartz' signed Consent Order.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

X. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

The re-adoption of the regulations due to Sunset was reviewed.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2015

October 14, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL (Dr. Walker excused)

November 18, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

December 9, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

XII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

1. Center for Addiction Studies and Research

The Committee reviewed the letter from Dr. Howard Fogel, seeking acceptance for Continuing Education (CE) Approval Entity.

The Committee recommended to ask Dr. Fogel to clarify if they are they asking to be an approval entity to approve other provider's CE's or are they attempting to have the Board approve his own organizations CE's?

2. CPC Behavioral Healthcare

The Committee reviewed the letter from Rick Garlipp, Manager, CPC appealing the Board's previous decision to not approve the twenty (20) hour workshop for LCSW clinicians to supervise LSWs.

The Committee recommended approval of the workshop.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 10:41 a.m. and the Committee moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. McKernan. The Committee re-entered public session at 3:05 p.m. upon motion made by Ms. Braun-Scalera, and seconded by Ms. Borden to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW
Chair